Problems have not been specified in the approved formula and distribution of Central assistance to the States is to be made in the light of plan discussion between Chief Ministers and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Statement

Special Development Problems and weights suggested by the State Government of Reajasthan in their letter dated December 13, 1990

S. No	Problem	Weight(%)
1.	Desert	25
2.	Low Density	20
3.	Drought	15
4.	Small Plan	10*
5.	Environmental Issues	10
6.	Flood	5
7.	Urban Slums	5
8.	Coastal Area	5
9.	High Density of Population	5

*Based on gap between per capita outlay of the State and National Average.

2786. [*Transferred to the 26th March, 1992*]

2787. [*Transferred to the 27th March, 1992*]

Implementation of Women and Children's Programmes

2788. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made any assessment of various programmes concerning women and children in rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has made any suggestion for new programmes for women and children in the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(d) what suggestions have been made by the Planning Commission to tone up the implementation of the existing women and children's programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Specific assessment of various programmes concerning women and children in rural areas has not been made by the Planning Commission. However, broad review of programmes for women and child development is a continuous process and is carried out through progress reports, reports of committees, Working Groups, workshops etc. For the formulation of the Eight Plan, Steering Groups/Working Groups were constituted to review the existing programmes and to make suggestions for the Eighth Plan. These reviews, while noting improvements in the status of women and children, have also indicated *inter alia* that coordination between various programmes implemented by different ministries needs to be strengthened, greater flexibility is necessary in the schemes so that they could be oriented according to local requirements, adequate supportive services need to be provided, community participation strengthened, special programmes developed for categories not adequately covered, and administrative arrangements strengthened. (c) and (d) The Eighth Plan is yet to be finalised. Improvement in implementation of programmes for women and children would require better integration, coordination and convergence of services, strengthening and consolidation of the inter linkages, strengthening of administrative arrangements, people's participation, training of manpower, decentralised planning and implementation, and monitoring of programmes at different levels.

मध्य प्रदेश में बस्तर क्षेत्र का विकास

2789. **श्री लक्ष्मीराम अग्रवाल:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए पिछले तीन वर्षों से उस क्षेत्र में प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है?

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार बस्तर के आदिवासी एवं अत्यधिक पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए कुछ अन्य योजनाएं बनाने पर भी विचार कर रही है;